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C O N F I D E N T I A L JERUSALEM 1638

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: RECENT FEDAYEEN ACTIVITY ON WEST BANK

REF: JERUSALEM 1621

1. FEDAYEEN TERRORIST ACTIVITY ON ISRAELI OCCUPIED WEST BANK INCREASED MARKEDLY IN PAST SEVERAL DAYS. LOCAL SOURCES INDICATES AT LEAST SEVEN INCIDENTS, INCLUDING THOSE REPORTED REFTEL, SINCE AUG 24 FIRE THAT REPORTEDLY GUTTED HEBRON LABOR EXCHANGE. AUG 25 AN EXPLOSIVE CHARGE DETONATED IN BETHLEHEM HOSPICE NEAR MANGER SQUARE. BETHLEHEM MAYOR FREIJ INFORMED US FIVE YOUTH OF FAMILIES IN HOSPICE ARRESTED. NO CASUALTIES. ISRAELI AUTHORITIES ON SAME DAY SAID TO HAVE ARRESTED FOUR EAST JERUSALEM YOUTH ON SUSPICION OF PLANTING EXPLOSIVES IN THE MAHANE YEHUDA MARKET. (REFTEL)

2. ON AUG 26 TWO RESIDENTS OF BIR ZEIT WERE REPORTEDLY INJURED, ON FATALLY, WHEN CHARGE EXPLODED IN HANDS OF VICTIM HUSSEIN
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ISSAWI. ARABIC PRESS REPORTS EIGHT MEMBERS OF HIS FAIMLY ARRESTED.

3. AUG 72 ISRAELI SECURITY FORCES CAPTURED FOUR MORE FEDAYEEN NEAR THE VILLAGE OF TUBAS. CONFLICTING PRESS REPORTS INDICATE AT LEAST TWO ARE LOCAL RESIDENTS OF WEST BANK WHO HAD BEEN IN SYRIA FOR TRAINING. ALL FOUR ALLEGEDLY CAME FROM SYRIA AND CROSSED JORDAN RIVER NEAR JERICHO, SAME AS TRIO CAUGHT AUG 24. GROUP CAPTURED AFTER IMPOSITION OF CURFEW AND SYSTEMATIC SEARCH OF VILLAGES IN JENIN-TUBAS AREA.

4. AUG 27 THREE EAST JERUSALEM YOUTH REMANDED IN CUSTODY FOR 15 DAYS ON SUSPICION OF SABOTAGE IN JERUSALEM AND MEMBERSHIP IN PFLP. AUTHORITIES SUSPECT YOUTH OF CARRYING OUT SABOTAGE ACTIVITIES AGAINST JEWISH PROPERTY IN OLD CITY.

5. COMMENT: INCREASING FEDYAYEEN ACTIVITY IN OCCUPIED WEST BANK AND JERUSALEM MAY WELL BE RELATED TO DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT ME PEACE SETTLEMENT, EITHER DESIGNED TO FORCE PACE OR, PERHAPS MORE LIKELY, TO MAKE PROGRESS MORE DIFFICULT.
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